

## Message Text

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R 151453Z MAR 78  
FM USMISSION GENEVA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7220  
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: WHO UR  
SUBJECT: ALMA ATA CONFERENCE ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

1. SOVIETS UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM WHO TO COMPLETE SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER 1978. MAJOR PROBLEM STILL IS INTERPRETATION EQUIPMENT ON SITE, WHICH HANDLES ONLY 4 LANGUAGES AND IS NOT ADAPTABLE TO DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR. WHO INSISTS THESE FLAWS BE CORRECTED AND SOVIETS MUST THEREFORE LEASE EQUIPMENT FROM WESTERN EUROPE (PROBABLY SWISS OR DUTCH), AT A HIGH COST IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

2. THE SOVIETS RECENTLY APPEALED TO OTHER COUNTRIES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF THE CONFERENCE FROM THE WHO REGULAR BUDGET. THE ONLY TAKER THUS FAR IS CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHICH CONTRIBUTED 20,000 ROUBLES TO WHO, APPARENTLY WITHOUT CHECKING FIRST WITH MOSCOW. WHO HAS NOW REQUESTED SOVIETS FOR PERMISSION TO SET UP A ROUBLE BANK ACCOUNT IN RUSSIA, WHICH COULD BE DRAWN UPON FOR EXPENSES INCIDENT TO THE CONFERENCE. THE SOVIETS ARE SAID TO BE ANNOYED WITH THE WHOLE ARRANGEMENT (WHICH ONLY INCREASES THEIR FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBLEM), BUT HAVE NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YET REPLIED.

3. SOVIET DEPUTY HEALTH MINISTER VENEDIKTOV, ACCORDING TO WHO SOURCES, IS UNDER A GREAT DEAL OF PRESSURE FROM HIS GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS THE CONFERENCE IS CAUSING. VANDEN HEUVEL

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